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The International Secretariat of OMCT requests your urgent intervention in the following situation in **East Timor**.

Brief description of the Situation:

The International Secretariat has been informed by reliable sources of the grave concern for the physical and psychological integrity of seven East Timorese men, arrested between 29 and 30 May, 1997 in the Sub-district of Atabae, Bobaonaro.

According to information received, **Ernesto Soares**, **Antonio Barros**, **Francisco Marins**, **Hermenegildo Pereira**, **Afonso Alitalo**, **Baptista Guterres**, and **Jacinto Barros** were arrested , on 29 and 30 May, 1997, by members of KODIM (District Military Command) and the Rajawali battalion (Special Command Forces) and taken to KODIM headquarters in Maliana where it is alleged that they were subjected to torture. It is believed that the arrests were connected to the recent Indonesian election and the refusal of the seven persons, who apparently refused to vote.

The International Secretariat expresses its grave concern over the growing number of grave violations of Human rights in East Timor (see cases : IDN/TMP 170197, IDN/TMP 290197, IND020597, IDM/TMP050597). The International Secretariat believes that **Ernesto Soares**, **Antonio Barros**, **Francisco Marins**, **Hermenegildo Pereira**, **Afonso Alitalo**, **Baptista Guterres**, and **Jacinto Barros** are at heightened risk of torture and ill-treatment and thus may be in need of urgent medical assistance, especially since they are being denied access to independent legal council and contact with family members.

Action requested :
Please contact the Indonesian authorities urging them to :

i. take the appropriate measures to guarantee the physical and psychological integrity of the seven East Timorese men, ensure that they receive adequate medical assistance;

ii. order their immediate release if they are detained without valid charges or, if such charges exist, bring them before a competent and impartial civil tribunal and guarantee their procedural rights at all times;

iii guarantee an impartial and exhaustive enquiry into the facts, identify those responsible, bring them to trial and apply the penal, civil and/or administrative sanctions provided by legislation;

iv. ensure in all circumstances respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with national laws and international standards.

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